

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. Restriction has been required between a first group of claims that includes claims 1-22, a second group of claims that includes claims 22-25, and a third group of claims that includes claims 23-25. The office action states that claims 1-22 (Group I) are drawn to a method for manufacturing a transformer winding; claims 22-25 (Group II) are drawn to a method of manufacturing a transformer associated with a first and a second layer of turns on a conductor; and claims 23-25 are drawn to a curing process. Office action at pg. 2, lines 4-10.

Applicants are confused regarding the above-noted claim grouping, because claims 1-20 are directed to a method for manufacturing a transformer winding; claims 21 and 22 are directed to a manufacturing method for a transformer winding comprising a first and a second layer of turns of an electrical conductor, and an electrically insulating material positioned between the first and second layer of turns and having adhesive on at least one side thereof; and claims 23-25 are directed to a method for curing adhesive on an insulating material in a transformer winding.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesy extended by Examiner Minh Trinh to Applicants' representative, Frank T. Carroll, during a telephone conversation initiated by Mr. Carroll on February 2, 2005 to request clarification of the above claim grouping. Examiner Trinh stated during the conversation that the apparent discrepancy in the claim groups may be due to a typographical error, and that Applicants should indicate in their response what they believe to be the correct grouping.

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Applicants believe that Group I should include claims 1-20; Group II should include claims 21 and 22; and Group III should include claims 23-25. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify Applicants if this presumed grouping is not correct.

Based on what Applicants believe is the correct claim grouping, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-20 (Group I) for further prosecution on the merits at this time, without traverse.

A notice of allowability is respectfully requested.

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